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MR. LEPPALA: Hi. My name is Bill Leppala. I'm a member of the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board. I volunteered, by the way. But I'm not here in that capacity. I'm here as an individual.

I want to take a serious look at our EIS book. I don't pretend to be an expert in it. I looked at enough areas to make me question it, and we all know everyone in this room has had experience with small children. Fibs are generally caused by omissions.

And I found some omissions in there, things that may be addressed in the EIS but not to my satisfaction, and if not to mine, then probably not to a lot of the people in this room.

1 The first issue is the health and safety portion of it. We're looking at leakage rates, one of which there's been some articles in the news lately about if you don't like it, you readjust it, or if you don't like the dosage rates, you readjust a quarter or you readjust the parameters.

I understand there is a serious deficiency here between the thinking on the DOE and the environmental people, Environmental Protection Agency. That's one issue.

The other issue is I just found out tonight, by the way, that this corridor is to be a quarter of a mile wide. Interesting.

2 Now, has there been any assessment made, have there been any modeling done on what the radiation contamination is long term outside of this quarter mile corridor? Is a quarter mile corridor to be a restricted access area? And if it is, people that live by it, what is the dosage rate for the present people, and for the future people, and the long-term effect on the things that don't know any better, the animals, the livestock, the waterways, the wetlands, things like this. I didn't find those in there either.

Another thing I didn't find, I didn't find any assessments. I wasn't here this morning, by the way. I had to work today. Maybe there were some assumptions made this morning at the meeting.

I don't know how many are familiar with what's called an accident plume, and what it basically is, you start from the beginning when it's bad, and work out to the point where it is tolerable. And these things are generally generated with accidents of radiation.

3 I see nothing in there on accident plumes or contaminated areas that were specific to this area with which I'm concerned, due to our prevailing winds and our weather conditions.

The next thing in health and safety, I guess it's been rehashed, but I would like to say it anyway, monitoring. Whose responsibility is it to monitor these things? The air quality, the ground quality, the water quality, this sort of thing. Who is to participate in this? Is it to be the federal government, the

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You don't believe the county is tight, ask Pete. And he won't spend any money, I guarantee that.

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Then again, who is going to train these people? And to what level of training will they receive?

Will they receive training to handle all aspects, all types of emergencies, and/or spills and/or exposures?

And then will they, too, be monitored?

The second item is environmental and access. The other thing I didn't see in that EIS book, I didn't see an environmental assessment unique to our area. I didn't see wetlands discussed, of which the Humboldt River surely qualifies. And certain periods of the years the playas certainly do.

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I didn't see ground water levels. I didn't see permeability tables. I didn't see migration tables for waters. These things are not addressed in there. So by omission, it's a fib.

I didn't see anything in there also on the flood plains that we have. I didn't see anything mentioning the migratory birds that come through our area. I didn't see any of this in there that was peculiar to our own area, which is important to us, all of us in this room.

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The third area is near and dear to my heart and probably a few others in here, it is called property, taking of. The corridor as marked on the map, every other mile will probably pass through a portion of private property. Now, will this just be condemned? Will the people be compensated? Will it be assessed at market value? Will it be assessed at the BLM value? Of the neighboring properties? Those questions weren't answered to my satisfaction.

Recreation and ranching, land use. We have a tremendous amount of trails, access roads, Jeep trails, some you can even barely walk on, some horses break their legs on, but they are all trails and usable all the time. We put this quarter mile corridor through here, are these trails going to be blocked off and have limited access? I didn't find that addressed either. And if they are blocked off and limited access, then you have just taken a lot larger portion of the property away from the citizens of the area than the quarter mile corridor.

And that also holds true for the ranchers for their historical or their -- not historical, I guess. They haven't been here long enough to be history. But their normal ways of moving their livestock and animals and moving from place to place on their rangeland, grazing land, grazing permits, et cetera.

The other one was the corridors, it doesn't address that either, whether the corridors will be fenced, and whether these corridors, if they are fenced, who is going to police them. The fence is just a novelty if you don't have somebody back there to kick you out of it.

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7 The other one, just something I would like to have addressed, and addressed to me if you don't want to do it to everybody else, because of the large percentage of this spent nuclear waste coming out, or being stored, how much of it is coming from private industry and are they going to pay their fair share? Knowing full well that 30, 40, 50 years ago we entered into an agreement where they gave into a government insurance policy. With our present rate of inflation and the way we use our money, that money is probably gone.

So are they going to be required to up the ante, so to speak, to cover the additional costs of this storage and transportation of spent fuel? I didn't find that in there either.

The fair share, by the way, is how much of that is private, and then we also know that we're all going to pay through taxes, DOD, Department of Defense shares, and we're also going to pay for some of the spent fuels that are going to come back here from Korea and Japan and God knows where that we agreed to take back when it was spent.

Geez, after living in a house with women, I'm almost out of words. That's it. I'm done.

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